

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AUGUST 27, 2002

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from adjourned session and published call July 30, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. in the County board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lancaster

INVOCATION – Invocation was given by Rev. Ray Schroeder.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan absent. He arrived at 9:30 a.m. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz and representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

CONSENT AGENDA – Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accepted and placed on file the minutes of the July 16 meeting.
 2. 10 Authorized the chair to sign the interlocal agreement with Region III
 3. 11 Approved Resolution #02-0056 for Surplus Property
 4. 13 Approved Resolution #02-0057 for Husker Harvest days regarding standing or parking on roads
 5. 23 Accepted and placed on file the office reports from Hall County Juvenile Services, Register of Deeds and the Clerk of the District Court
 6. 24 Accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
 7. 25 Accepted and placed on file communications as received
- Arnold Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES JULY 2002

JUVENILE REFERRALS	28 JUVENILES
JUVENILE OFFENDERS	2 JUVENILE
JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST	3 JUVENILES
TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION	202 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$1,060.00

OFFICE REPORT HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES JULY 2002

JUVENILE REFERRALS	4 JUVENILES
TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES	29 JUVENILES
FEES COLLECTED	\$ 100.00
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR	\$100.00

OFFICE REPORT
REGISTER OF DEEDS
JULY 2002

DOCUMENTARY STAMP FEES	\$ 5,120.04
RECORDING FEES	22,462.50
PHOTO FEES	

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
JULY 2002

FEES & INTEREST ON ACT #2-200-4	\$ 2,612.30
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #114-0090191	\$ 1.31
INTEREST EARNED ON ACT #7-396-2	

2a COUNTY ATTORNEY DISCUSS AND APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DOUGLAS COUNTY FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that this agreement will allow Hall County to use the software for the case management for drug court. This was on the agenda two weeks ago and referred to him for review. He requested that the board approve the interlocal agreement. Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to authorize the chair to sign the interlocal agreement with Douglas County for the case management system. Arnold Eriksen Hartman Humiston, Jeffries and Lancaster all voted yes and none voted no with Logan absent. Motion carried.

2b DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING EXTENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GRAND ISLAND FOR KENO OPERATING GAME – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that this agreement is for the keno operation games and will be renewed for five years unless a five month advance notice of non-renewal is approved.

Hartman expressed concern if the new gambling law passes how this would affect the keno games. This new gambling law will be on the November General Election Ballot. Janulewicz stated that he was not sure of the ballot language and how or if it would affect the keno gambling.

Jeffries stated that he would abstain from voting on this matter because of a conflict of interest.

Discussion was held and Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to table this matter for two weeks for additional information concerning the ballot language on the new gambling proposal. Arnold questioned if the board may want to wait until the November election is over to see if the proposal passes. Hartman amended his motion and Arnold seconded to wait until later to address this matter. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Lancaster and Logan voted yes and none voted no. Jeffries abstained.

2c DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON LEASED AG-PROPERTY IN SECTION 22-10-9 – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that the county has land on South Locust that is rented and he is asking the board if they want to address this. The work on the interstate will be starting this week and the property will not be assessable. When the state starts doing the grading work and the access will be restricted and it is not clear what access will be available. The County cannot lease the same amount of property. He recommends contacting the current tenant and defining what areas he can lease from the county. Bud made a motion and Hartman seconded to contact the leasee to address the amount of property that he will have access to and change the lease to reflect the amount of land that he will be leasing for one year. Then continue the lease for 1 year at a time and address the number of acres that he will be leasing. Hartman stated that by next year they would know how much land would be available. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on property that was owned by the State Land and Educational Fund. This land had to be condemned by the Federal Government and the State of Nebraska will take title to this land. Jeffries stated that the State should pay the County damages.

8 DISCUSSION AND FURTHER ACTION ON RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO A JOINT RECREATIONAL PROJECT RELATING TO AN OPERATING TRAIN AT STUHR MUSEUM – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that he was contacted by Stuhr Museum concerning the action the county board took on August 13th meeting. The museum also contacted the city for additional dollars and if the city does not approve the funding request they may want to wait with the ballot issue. The City Council meets tonight and the museum board will meet on Wednesday. Janulewicz stated that the county would not be able to advertise for a special meeting so he suggested that the board recess this meeting and reconvene on Friday to address this matter. The museum may want to have the county rescind the action to place this matter on the ballot.

Executive Director Susan Gallagher was present and she stated that the Museum wants to make sure that all of the pieces are in place. She stated that they are beginners on the proposed bond issue and they know they have a deadline. They have other proposals to consider. They want to be responsible and make sure that this project is viable. Once the city council meets the foundation board will meet on Thursday to make a final decision. She is requesting that the County Board recess until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. to address this matter again.

12 APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR TAX ASKING – County Clerk Marla Conley read the following resolutions into the record for the tax asking:

Resolution # 02-0049 Wood River Fire District #2

Resolution #02-0050 for Cairo Rural Fire District #5

Resolution #02-0051 for Grand Island Rural Fire District #3

Resolution #02-0052 for Doniphan Fire District #6

Resolution #02-0053 for Shelton Fire District #3

Resolution #02-0054 for the Hall County Agricultural Society

Resolution #02-0055 for the Hall County Airport Authority

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the resolutions for the tax asking.

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Lancaster called for public participation and no one responded.

4 DON KELLY DISCUSSION REGARDING RAILROAD EASEMENT AT THE AIRPORT - Don Kelly requested to speak to the county board concerning the railroad easement at the Hall County Airport. He distributed pictures to the board member showing the condition of the tracts and the spills of asphalt.

He stated that Hall County owns the easement and the Hall County Airport Authority operates and manages the airport. Mr. Kelly expressed concern on the condition of the tracts and the over-growth of weeds on the easement. He also addressed the spills of the asphalt and the oil from the train cars that are hauling the products. He stated that he does not know what kind of chemicals are in the asphalt. He addressed the language in the lease agreement regarding the liabilities and who would be responsible. The lessor can use the tracts anytime but he questioned who is responsible for the easement property. He also stated that the conditions of the ties in the rail tract are in bad shape and questioned if the Airport Authority has acted properly on this matter. Jeffries quoted language in the lease that addresses the ownership. He questioned who owns the tracts. Mr. Kelly stated that he thought the railroad owns the tracts, and in this case the railroad has not kept up the condition of the tracts.

Mr. Kelly is concerned on the condition of the tracts that are on his property and he is concerned on what the industries will be bringing in on across his land. Hartman stated that he walked the tract and it needs to be repaired. He also stated that if there were a spill it would go into the drainage ditch.

Jim asked Jerry what responsibilities the county would have and Jerry stated that under the state statute the county owns the property but the airport authority runs it. He stated that he would have to look at the state statutes regarding the airport authority to determine where the responsibility would lie. The airport authority board has the management authority.

Lancaster asked Jerry if he would look at this and make a recommendation. Hall County owns the easement on his property. This will be put on the agenda in two weeks to address the issues and questions.

9 JOHN AMICK HALL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DISCUSS AND APPROVE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY - John Amick stated that the County Board is aware of the proposal that the Historical Society wants to place on the November ballot. He worked with County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz to prepare the resolution and ballot language. According to state statute that if the tax rate is implemented it would equal one-tenth of one cent which would generate about \$78,500.00 per year. Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve Resolution #02-0059 and place this issue on the November General Election Ballot. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR BOX CULVERTS – The following bids were received:

COMPANY	C40(261)-1	C40(323)	C40(324)
L.J. WEBB	\$23219.30	\$59330.00	\$34390.55
TOTAL \$116,939.85 TIED			
DIAMOND	\$21004.96	\$54491.13	\$31932.56
TOTAL \$107,428.65 TIED			
MIDLAND	\$21903.40	\$56896.30	\$33185.25
TOTAL \$111,984.95 TIED			
STAROSTKA	\$20939.28	\$58625.98	\$32690.48
TOTAL \$112,255.74 TIED			
WAW	\$23363.40	\$54505.20	\$34132.70
TOTAL \$112001.30 NOT TIED			

Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee. They will meet today and come back with a recommendation Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:15 A.M. BID OPENING ASPHALT PROJECTS – The following bids were received:

COMPANY	C40(127)	C40(300)	TOTAL
JIL Asphalt	\$100271.30	\$94328.80	\$194600.10 NOT TIED
Gary Smith Constr.	\$ 90953.03	\$77249.67	\$168202.70 TIED

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will meet and come back with a recommendation today. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI-WEEKLY SALARY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims and Logan made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the claims as audited. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The Public Works Committee met and reviewed the bids for the asphalt projects. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to accept the bid for asphalt from Gary Smith Construction in the amount of \$168,202.70, contingent with the Public Works Director checking the extensions and also to authorize the chair to sign the contracts. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

The Public Works Committee met and reviewed the bids for the box culverts. Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to accept the bid for box culverts from Diamond Engineering for \$107,428.65 contingent with the Public Works Director checking the extension and also to authorize the chair to sign the contract. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10:30 A.M. BID OPENING FOR LEASE SPACE FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PROBATION OFFICE – The following bids were received:

BIDDER	LOCATION	TOTAL BID
SCOTT & SHERI ARNOLD	216 WEST SECOND	PURCHASE BUILDING FOR \$83,844.00
JAMES A. BELTZER	401-411 WEST THIRD	RENTAL PRICE \$10.00 SQUARE FOOT
NICK JAMSON ENT.	115 WEST CHARLES	RENTAL PRICE \$5.00 SQUARE FOOT
DOUTHIT REALTY	1502 SOUTH LOCUST	RENTAL PRICE \$7.75 SQUARE FOOT
TIERONE BANK	1800 WEST SECOND	RENTAL PRICE \$6.00 SQUARE FOOT

Logan made a motion and Eriksen seconded to refer the bids to the long range planning committee to come back with a recommendation. Lancaster appointed Dick Hartman to serve on the committee to replace Scott Arnold. Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Arnold abstained.

Discussion was held on the Health and Human Services department moving into the old city hall. Lancaster stated that she has a letter from Schroeder and Shriner Development Company concerning a proposal for the development of the old city hall building. The long-range planning committee will meet to discuss this issue and come back to the full board.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Stacy Ruzicka included the progress report and reminded the board members to return the performance evaluation.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Hartman – no report

Humiston – He had several meetings and reported that they are working on the interlocal agreement with the city.

Eriksen – no report

Logan – all reported on

Jeffries – no report

Arnold – no report

Lancaster - She stated that she attended a panel discussion with the representatives from the county of Yemen. They are here to learn how to provide local government. This is in conjunction with the International Visitors Council.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Lancaster called for new or unfinished business and no one responded

Meeting recessed until 9:00 a.m. Friday August 29, 2002

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AUGUST 29, 2002

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met from recessed regular session August 29, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Lancaster called the meeting to order

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, and Lonnie Logan. Also present were representatives from the *Grand Island Independent* and KRGI.

Lancaster stated that this meeting was from the recessed session on Tuesday. The items to be discussed are the request from Stuhr Museum and the board received a request to add an emergency item to the agenda to authorize the chair to sign the contract with West Group.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to add the item concerning the contract from West Group to the agenda. Arnold, Eriksen Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND FURTHER ACTION ON RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO A JOINT RECREATIONAL PROJECT RELATING TO AN OPERATING TRAIN AT STUHR MUSEUM – Executive Director Susan Gallagher was present and stated that the museum has had several meetings since Tuesday regarding the request to place the bond issue on the ballot for the November election. She stated that at the City Council meeting Tuesday evening Councilman Gale Larson made a motion to prepare a business plan before they proceed with the election process. The museum does not have the resources to prepare this type of a document and the City has offered to assist with the business plan and preparing a cost analysis. Ms. Gallagher stated the museum feels that this is very important and that is why she requested that the County Board consider the resolution to rescind the motion to place this on the November ballot.

Jeffries stated that he was appalled at this request. The museum goes to the city for the first time and the City suggests a cost analysis and they want to pull the matter of the ballot.

Ms Gallagher stated that the museum wants to make sure that this will only be for 10 years and not a tax burden to the people. She feels that they owe it to the community that the museum will be able to support this project. She wants to do the right thing.

Eriksen questioned if the museum may be able to obtain grant money. Ms. Gallagher stated that they would have to check on that.

Hartman questioned why they would have the City do the study. He suggested having someone else and he doesn't think this will help.

Discussion was held on who would do the analysis. Pam Price stated that this would be an independent opinion from the accounting firm Shonsey and Associates. They will do a cost analysis of the construction and the entire project. They stated that they feel that it is important to do this before they proceed with the project.

Jeffries made a motion and Logan seconded to rescind Resolution #02-0048 from the August 13, 2002. The new resolution will be Resolution 02-0058. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Logan all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #02-_____

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION #02-0048 ADOPTED AUGUST 13, 2002

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2002 the Hall County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #02-0048, resolving as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors of The County of Hall, in the State of Nebraska (the "County") hereby finds and determines that there has been presented to the Board of Supervisors the form of a Joint Declaration of Intent (the "Agreement") by and between the County and the Hall County Museum Board (the "Museum Board") setting forth the intentions and agreements of the County and the Museum Board with respect to a joint recreational project relating to an operating train at the Stuhr Museum (the "Operating Train") and that the Agreement should

be and hereby is approved and its execution and delivery is hereby authorized and the Supervisors shall execute and deliver the Agreement in substantially the form presented but with any such changes as shall be deemed appropriate by them upon the advice of the County Attorney.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the County is in need of equipment, improvements to land (as owned by the Museum Board) and other property suitable for use as a part of a joint recreational facility (consisting of the Operating Train and related improvements and equipment) and that to provide funds for acquiring, holding, improving and operating such facility the County should issue its negotiable bonds in the amount of not to exceed Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000); and that in order to provide for payments on such bonds and for related project costs it is necessary and advisable to levy annually, and as long as any of said bonds are outstanding, a tax upon all of the taxable property in said County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of said bonds as the same become due and payable (which levy may cause the aggregate taxes of the County to exceed the limitation provided by Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska), with the proposal for such bonds and for such levy to be presented as a single question for the approval of the electors of the County; and that the question of the issuing such bonds and providing for such levy should be submitted to the electors of the County at the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2002.

Section 3. At the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2002, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this County the following proposition:

“Shall The County of Hall, in the State of Nebraska, issue the negotiable bonds of the County in the principal amount of not to exceed Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, holding, improving and operating, as a joint recreational facility by the County and the Hall County Museum Board under the terms of Section 13-304, R.R.S. Neb. 1997, as amended, an operating train at the Stuhr Museum, to serve the County and its residents, with such bonds to be issued under Section 13-306, R.R.S. Neb. 1997, to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at rate or rates and to become due at such time or times (not less than five nor more than twenty years), all as may be determined by the Board of Supervisors, and

“Shall The County of Hall, in the State of Nebraska, levy annually, as long as any of said bonds are outstanding, a tax upon all of the taxable property in such county sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of such bonds as the same become due and payable, which tax may exceed the limitations

provided by Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

FOR said bonds and levy

AGAINST said bonds and levy

The ballots to be voted upon and cast at said election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition and the words "FOR said bonds and levy" and "AGAINST said bonds and levy" after such proposition. Qualified electors voting in favor of the proposition shall mark an "X" in the box opposite the words "FOR said bonds and levy" following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against the proposition shall mark an "X" in the box opposite the words "AGAINST said bonds and levy" following said proposition.

Section 3. Notice of said election shall be given to the qualified electors of the County one time not less than forty (40) days prior to such election, and also for four successive weeks (five consecutive weekly publications) prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the election, publication of such notice and sample ballot to be made in *The Grand Island Independent*, a newspaper printed and published in and of general circulation in the County.

Section 4. Said proposition shall be submitted at the statewide general election as conducted by the Election Commissioner of the County pursuant to Section 32-559, R.R.S. 1998, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to said Election Commissioner. The Election Commissioner is hereby requested, authorized and directed to take all steps necessary and appropriate in connection with said election, including designation of polling places, appointment of the election officials and otherwise conducting the election as provided by law. The County hereby agrees to reimburse said Election Commissioner for the costs of said election, as provided by law.

Section 5. The form of ballot and form of notice for said bond election shall be substantially in the form submitted to this meeting, copies of which forms shall be made a part of the minutes of the meeting at which this resolution is adopted;

and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2002 representatives of the Hall County Museum Board appeared before the County Board of Supervisors of Hall County, Nebraska ("County Board") and requested that County Board rescind the Resolution #02-0048 adopted on August 13, 2002 and any related Resolutions or actions which call for a public vote on November 5, 2002 on the question of issuing bonds of \$4,900,000.00 to fund an operating train at Stuhr Museum.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1. Upon request of the Hall County Museum Board, the County Board hereby agrees to the termination of the Joint Declaration of Intent (the "Agreement") by and between the County and the Hall County Museum Board setting forth the intentions and agreements of the County and the Museum Board with respect to a joint recreational project relating to an operating train at the Stuhr Museum and that the Agreement should be and hereby is terminated and the execution and delivery of any documents required to effectuate the termination of said agreement is hereby authorized and the Chairman of the County Board shall execute and deliver any such documents as appropriate upon the advice of the County Attorney.

Section 2. Any previous action taken by the County Board relative to the placement, at the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2002, a proposition to issue its negotiable bonds in the amount of not to exceed Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000); and to levy annually, and as long as any of said bonds are outstanding, a tax upon all of the taxable property in said County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of said bonds as the same become due and payable should be and the same is hereby rescinded and shall be considered null, void, and of no effect.

Section 3. The Hall County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to said Hall County Election Commissioner. The Hall County Election Commissioner is hereby directed to disregard Resolution #02-0048 and shall **not** place, at the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2002, a proposition relative to the issuance by Hall County of its negotiable bonds in the amount of not to exceed Four Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,900,000); and to levy annually, and as long as any of said bonds are outstanding, a tax upon all of the taxable property in said County sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of said bonds.

Resolution moved by Supervisor _____.

Seconded by Supervisor _____.

Vote:

Supervisor Arnold:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Eriksen:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Hartman:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Humiston:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Jeffries:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Lancaster	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor Logan:	For ____; Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF AUGUST, 2002.

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pamela Lancaster, Chairman of the Board
of Supervisors

Marla J. Conley, Hall County Clerk

Prepared by:
Jerom E. Janulewicz
Hall County Attorney

DISCUSS AND APPROVE CONTRACT WITH WEST GROUP – Dave Arnold requested that this be added as an emergency item to authorize the chair to sign this contract. This is the company that provides the county with legal research capabilities by using the Internet. The county is allowed a fixed number of minutes and anything in excess is at an additional charge. Dave stated that he received a call on Tuesday August 27th informing him that if the county signs a three contract the fee structure would change and they would have unlimited printing capabilities. He stated that the county could save \$10,000.00 over the three-year period. When he received this proposal they requested a reply for the next day.

Eriksen questioned if this was a new contract and Dave stated that it was. He also questioned if there was a termination clause and Dave stated he did not find one.

Lancaster questioned if County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz had seen the contract and Dave stated that he had seen it.

Jeffries questioned on the way West Group is handling the contract and he wanted to know if the computer committee had seen it. He expressed concern on the fact that the board needs to make a decision now and why it has to be decided in 24 hours.

Arnold stated that the county does have experience with the West Law Group and the fee schedule that they used before was expensive this revised billing is a good deal and this is important to the attorneys. Using the Internet is a time saving issue.

Arnold made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the contract and have the computer committee and County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz review this contract and authorize the chair to sign.

Jeffries questioned if the departments that use this service could take out the excess dollars that they had budgeted to lower their budgets.

Logan also stated that the departments that use this service need to look at this and see if it will save money. He stated that this is a lot of money and the county board needs to look at the contract.

Lancaster stated that it was good that Dave brought it forward and it is really no different than cellular phone service.

Eriksen stated that Jerry Janulewicz indicated that it would benefit him the most.

Humiston suggested that the board authorize the chair to sign the contract and the computer committee could meet now and review it.

The vote on the motion to authorize the chair to sign was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston and Lancaster voted yes. Hartman, Jeffries and Logan all voted no. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:33 a.m. The next meeting will be September 24, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

REMINDER – The County Board Meetings may be viewed on GITV Cable Channel 6 and UHF Channel 56 Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 8:00 a.m.